



## Resource Road Maintenance Guideline has been finalized

The draft Resource Road Maintenance Guideline document has been updated and finalized, based on input from stakeholders following use of the draft guideline during an 18-month pilot period. You may view or download the final document here: <http://www.bcforestsafe.org/node/3025>.

The purpose of the guideline is to provide industry with a resource for implementing a road maintenance program that ensures that resource roads are maintained for safe operations. The need for a specific focus on log hauling has been identified as the configurations, weight and maneuverability of log trucks increases the risk of incident when roads are not maintained adequately to provide safe operations. 🚚

## Northern Road Health Coalition holds strategy session to discuss priorities

Members of the Northern Road Health Coalition met March 5 this year in Prince George to discuss priorities for road health work across sectors. The strategy session included representatives from Northern Health, RCMP, Ministry of Transportation, Ministry of Forests, Land, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, ICBC, Shell Canada, CVSE, BC Coroner's Office and the BC Forest Safety Council.

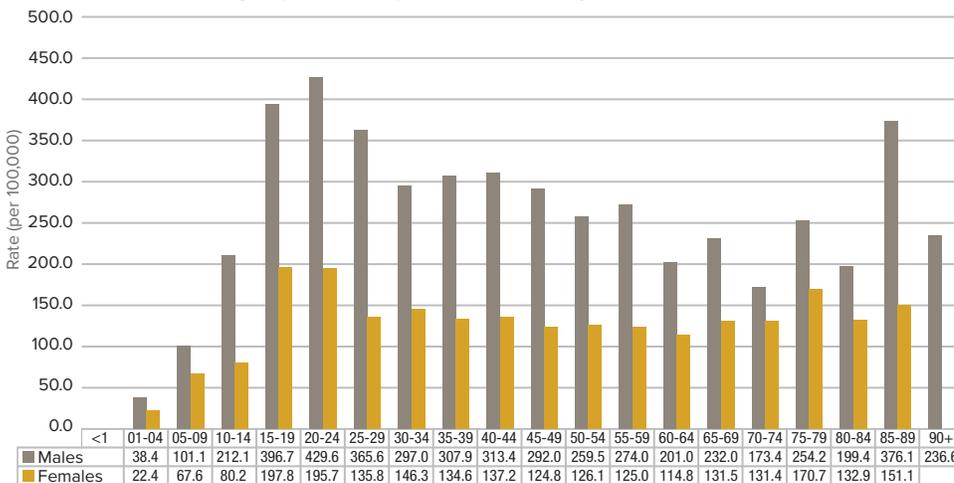
The data informing the groups' key initiatives includes review of two key metrics: fatalities and hospitalizations (defined as a minimum overnight stay in hospital). Over the past 14 years transport related incidents have been the leading cause of mortality in the northern interior, 231% higher than other regions of the province, with 72% of those deaths being males and 28% females.

The northern interior has also seen 8,412 hospitalizations due to transportation related incidents. Of those hospitalizations: 69.1% were male (5,813) and 30.9% were female (2,599).

### Rate of transportation-related hospitalizations is 76.1% higher than the rest of BC

Males aged 20-24 had the highest rate (429.6 per 100,000) while youth + young adults (15-24) accounted for 22.2% (1,865). Motor vehicle occupant was the most common cause at 44.2% (3,720). 🚚

Age-specific hospitalization rate by sex, NHA; 2002-2016



## Recent news clippings worth noting

### No serious injuries in head-on logging truck incident near Salmon Valley

Jan 23, 2019 morning head-on collision involving two logging trucks closed Highway 97. No serious injuries were reported, no details of what happened, other than extensive damage to both logging trucks:

<https://www.myprincegeorgenow.com/93181/breaking-highway-97-shutdown-near-salmon-valley-due-to-crashcorr2/>

### Logging truck hits CP overpass in Kamloops

A logging truck could not clear its load under the overpass and caused damage to the structure resulting in a leaking pipe and temporary road closure as crews worked to unload the load:

<https://www.kamloopsmatters.com/local-news/logging-truck-hits-cp-overpass-in-kamloops-1217030>

### Cab guards are supposed to protect truckers from the deadly impact of a load

Story by The Star Vancouver's Michael Mui on cab guards and what they can and can't do with the G-forces of loads and sudden deceleration: <https://www.thestar.com/vancouver/2019/01/31/stronger-barriers-were-supposed-to-protect-bcs-truckers-from-the-deadly-impact-of-a-sliding-load-they-arent.html>

### Commercial trucking advocates in Alberta push for mandatory electronic logbooks in Canada

Following the Humboldt tragedy, renewed calls for mandatory electronic logbooks and other measures: <https://globalnews.ca/news/4908461/trucking-electronic-logbooks-canada/>

### National truck training standard promised by January 2020

<https://www.trucknews.com/transportation/national-truck-driver-training-standard-promised-by-2020/1003089533/> 🚚

## 2019 Spring Safety Days focus on log hauling ergonomics, electronic logs and Switchback

Thanks to the planning and support of licensees, the annual spring safety and log trucker driver appreciation events are in the planning stages! Each year, log truck drivers, contractors, and supervisors are invited by licensees to attend these special events to say thanks for the hard work and to help promote improved safety performance.

The following events are currently scheduled with topics being selected based on log hauler feedback, emerging trends and injury statistics. In previous years, topics have included anatomy of a rollover, fatigue awareness and distracted driving.

Date	Licensee host	Venue	Topic
April 24	Interfor	Grand Forks Curling Rink	Log Hauling Ergonomics
April 25	Interfor	Nakusp Community Centre	Log Hauling Ergonomics
April 26	Interfor	Adams Lake Quaaot Lodge	Log Hauling Ergonomics
May 1	Weyerhaeuser	Princeton Riverside Centre	The Truth About ELOGS Log Hauling Ergonomics
May 3	Cariboo Chilcotin Truckers Compliance Committee (CCTCC)	Williams Lake Longhouse	The Truth About ELOGS
May 6	Gorman Group	Vernon Prestige Lodge	The Truth About ELOGS Switchback
May 15	West Fraser	100 Mile House Valley Room	Log Hauling Ergonomics

If you would like to host a similar safety event or would like to learn more about these safety topics and presenters, please contact [transportation@bcforestsafesafe.org](mailto:transportation@bcforestsafesafe.org) or call toll-free **1-877-741-1060**.

## WorkSafeBC releases report on 2015 fatal logging truck incident in Hope area landslide

<https://www.worksafebc.com/en/resources/health-safety/incident-investigation-report-summaries/logging-truck-swept-off-road-by-landslide?lang=en>

The BC Forest Safety Council (BCFSC) files Freedom of Information requests to secure copies of all investigation reports done by WorkSafeBC as well as the Coroner's Service, related to forestry workers' fatalities.

The BCFSC then reviews these reports and updates previously issued fatality alerts with new and detailed information as revealed through the two authorities' investigation findings.

The principle for sharing is simply that the more information that is known, the better the opportunity to help prevent similar fatalities in the future.

## New ad promotes seatbelt use among log truck drivers

All the research is clear: wearing seatbelts on all roads in all vehicles and machines, save lives, whether you are the driver or the passenger. Among log truck drivers in BC, the latest self-reporting stats in BC Forest Safety Council surveys show that while 75% of log truck drivers say they wear their seatbelts, 25% say they don't, which puts each of those who don't at higher risk of serious injury or worse in any upset condition. So check in with your drivers, your friends and family members and remind them why it's important to wear a seatbelt. Consider the benefits of wearing seatbelts:

1. You greatly increase your chances of going home safe to your families and loved ones
2. You have less chance of dying or suffering life-altering injuries
3. You have an increased chance of staying in control of your vehicle in a motor vehicle incident
4. You reduce the risk of unsafe behaviours (reaching for a thermos or other items while moving) and
5. You have a greater chance of reducing the seriousness of injuries that can lead to losing your livelihood.

**75%\* of log truck drivers wear seatbelts.**

*What do your fellow drivers know that you don't?*

**BUCKLE UP.**

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(\*self-reported in recent surveys of log truck drivers by the BCFSC.)

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Safety is **good** business

Buckle up – it can save more than your life! The new ad (shown here) will run for the first time in the Spring edition of the Truck Logger Association's Truck Logger BC magazine.

See more resource tools here: [www.bcforestsafesafe.org/node/3279](http://www.bcforestsafesafe.org/node/3279).